

Appl. No. 10/681,497  
Response to OA of 4-14-09

**Amended and New Claims**

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 in which said polyolefin material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, high density polyethylene, polystyrene, ~~and polypropylene.~~
16. (Currently Amended) In the method for forming composite products consisting of a polyolefin material which is 25 to 75 percent by weight of the total composite, a lignocellulosic material, and at least one of the group consisting of a lubricant, a cross-linking agent, a UV stabilizer, ~~a blowing agent~~, an inhibitor, and a coupling agent such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the improvement which consists of incorporating an amount of a cationic salt of boric acid selected from the group of synthetic calcium borate, colemanite, ulexite, or mixtures thereof in the range of from about 2 to 12 percent by weight of said composite product.
19. (New) The method according to claim 1 in which said amount of lignocellulosic material is in the range of from greater than 40% to about 70% of the total composite weight.
20. (New) The method according to claim 18 in which said amount of lignocellulosic material is in the range of from greater than 40% to about 70% of the total composite weight.

**Support for New Claims**

The lignocellulosic limits in claims 19 and 20 are enabled by Examples 1 & 2 of the original Specification. Example 1 used a formulation where the wood content was greater than 40% and the wood content in Example 2 was 70% of the total composite weight.